



## Stewardship Flash!

Did You Know...?

You can pledge or donate with common stock. By donating a low cost basis stock to Grace-Calvary, you can avoid tax on the capital gain if you were to sell it. A stock donation can be a win for you - and the church benefits from your generosity. Contact the office for details.



## Gratitude Stewardship 2026

### Stewardship Listening Sessions:

We are hosting three gatherings this year to help you feel informed and involved in our stewardship of the gifts Grace-Calvary has been given. We will answer questions about our finances, what needs we anticipate for next year, and most importantly, we hope to hear what goals you have for our future.

The dates are: Sunday, **October 26**, at 12:15pm (family-friendly lunch provided); Thursday, **October 30**, at 6:00pm (dinner at the Criser's home in Demorest), and **November 2**, at 9:00am (1st Sunday Breakfast). Please let us know when you'd like to come and RSVP by emailing us at [office@grace-calvary.org](mailto:office@grace-calvary.org) or calling 706-754-2451.

### 2025 Year-to-Date Giving Statements

Statements were distributed on October 15.

If yours has not appeared in your email inbox or mailbox, you may call or email Teresa, our Financial Administrator, to get a copy: [admin@grace-calvary.org](mailto:admin@grace-calvary.org).

# ----- OUTREACH -----



A donation table is located in SJH to receive your donations of children's coats, hats, and gloves, either new or gently worn. Items will be shared with organizations in the community who can give them to the children who need winterwear.



Our Third Sunday Special Offering generated over \$300 that will be used to purchase winter garments! Thank you, Grace-Calvary, for your generous response to this need!



youth Sunday  
October 26

**Our children & youth will take the lead  
in worship at the 10:00am service!  
Come prepared to be inspired!**

## **Preparations for November 2:**

### **All Saints Sunday & Soup with the Saints**

*For  
Worship*

If a loved one has died since Nov. 1 of last year, and you would like the church to recognize this person on All Saints Sunday, please notify the Parish Office by Oct. 29.

*For Lunch at  
the Cemetery*

If you would like to sign-up to bring soup, cornbread, or dessert, please see Nina Madrid.

Midweek Manna  
with Mother Michelle  
"How to Read the Bible"

Each Wednesday in October

**6:00-6:30pm, Prayer Service**

**6:30-7:30pm, Supper & Spiritual Formation**

Dearest Grace-Calvary Family,

I would like to provide you with an update on repairs to St Julian Hall. Back in August I communicated to you that we were anticipating completion of repairs by the end of October. Since that time a Building Committee was formed to evaluate both remediation of potential, future flooding and repairs of existing damage. We engaged a professional engineer to perform a stormwater site assessment and make recommendations. Some of the remediation options included potentially modifying some of the exterior walls and roof overhangs. We delayed interior and exterior wall repair while we were considering possible modifications to the roof and overhang to manage storm water flow. Fortunately, these modifications were deemed unnecessary. The Committee determined the scope of the work is now confined to external and interior wall repairs that don't modify the architecture in any way. We are delighted to report that we can now proceed with the repairs needed. Additionally, the roof of St. Julian Hall was inspected by multiple professionals, and it was determined that replacement could be deferred for at least another year, if not a few years.

I would like to thank David Todd, and all of the members of the Building Committee. This group is comprised of David Todd, Rich Madrid, Tim Williams, Mary Fry, Jaracoe Jackson, Sam White, and Bobby Aycok. Their combined knowledge and professional experience guided thoughtful, proactive responses to the issues we have with St Julian Hall. David stepped up to form the committee and has been a champion of restoring our beloved space. This group meets on a weekly basis and often more than that. They have walked the site with multiple contractors and are currently evaluating and requesting more bids from contractors for repairs.

Now that the scope of work has been reduced to actual repairs and excludes remediation, the Building Committee expects to commence repair work as early as mid-November.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or any member of Vestry.

Best Regards,  
John Cantwell, Sr. Warden

# Vestry News & Nominations

*Do you love God and Grace-Calvary? Are you a "confirmed communicant in good standing, over the age of 18, a regular attendant at worship, and have a record of making and fulfilling a pledge for the preceding year (2024-2025)?* If so, we need you to prayerfully consider serving on the Vestry! Serving on the vestry can be a rewarding experience and meaningful step in your faith journey.

The Vestry meets monthly to make sure that our beloved church is faithful in mission, stewardship, and responsive to the needs of our community. If you want to know more, please ask a current member of the Vestry or reach out to Mother Michelle. If you would like to nominate someone, please talk to them first to get their blessing and make sure they are eligible before you submit their name.

This year we need to elect FIVE new members to the Vestry: three members to serve for three years as Kimberly, Rich, and Christine complete their roles; and two members to serve one-year terms as John Cantwell and Tim Williams need to roll off a year early.

Nominations are due by November 23. The election of new Vestry members will take place at our Annual Meeting on December 7 at 9:00 am.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00AM

The Chosen - meets in the Parish Office Conference Room to view the video series, "The Chosen" and discuss. Led by Gretchen Grant and Mary Fry. Coffee & snacks are served.

11:15AM

Adult Forum - Discussion of the Sunday readings and sermon, facilitated by Eddy Ariail and David Todd. Meets in SJH in the room by the Library.

11:15AM

Children & Youth classes meet on the Children's Wing in St. Julian Hall.

## Music Ministry

Choir: Tuesdays,  
6:00-7:00pm  
in the  
Choir Loft.

*Sing*



Handbells: Thursdays,  
5:30-7:00pm in  
the Parish Office  
Music Room.

*Ring*



# Celebrate!

## Happy Birthday!

Harriet Beech, Oct. 24  
Barrie Aycock, Oct. 26  
Sarah Gardner, Oct. 28  
Zachary Perry, Oct. 28

## Happy Anniversary!

John & Rachel Kahle,  
Oct. 28

If we do not have your special date listed, please contact the parish office with your birthday and/or anniversary date(s).



Paul Binford, Marcus Booker, Mitch Boyd, Brian Braham, Christy Brauner, Jessica Burce, Joey Burel, Patty Candler, Doug Crymes, the Dake family, Arthur Davis, John Dickerson, Hugh Fenlon, Trish Farmer, Joe Galicia, Lisa Gardiner, Riley Hembree, Staci Holt, Hue Huynh, Shannon Johnson, Jeremiah Johnson, Laura Kerby, Betsy King, Kenneth McDuffie, Michael Lee McDuffie, Laura Meier, Cathy Morgan, Alan Peart, Roger Phelps, Laina S., Richard Scribner, Suzanne Scribner, Warren Scribner, Chloe Smith, Jersey & Jessa Smith, Patricia Stansbury, Charlé Statler, the Ta family, Chris Tatum, Antoine Truong, Candy Wallace, Janice Welborn, Martin Welch, Donell Willey, Angela Williams, Josephine Vu, Barbara Williams, Erin Witham, Nancy Witham, and Russ Yekel.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially Michael Hunter, son of the late Mike & Martha Hunter.

If you would like to add someone to our church-wide prayer list, please email [office@grace-calvary.org](mailto:office@grace-calvary.org). Names usually remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless we are asked to remove them or extend them.

\*\*Please note that the *Daughters of the King* maintain a separate, confidential prayer list. You may add requests to the DOK list by completing one of the blue cards found in the church pews and placing it in the offering plate.

# Sunday at Grace-Calvary

## Our Nursery Ministry Needs You NOW!!

Could you spend an hour once a month, during the 10:00am service, with precious little ones?!

This is the link to sign up for an October Sunday:



**YES! I WILL VOLUNTEER!**

*Please call the office if you can serve this Sunday. We need two per Sunday and at least one must have completed "Safeguarding."*

The service now livestreams  
on Sunday mornings at  
10:00am on our  
YouTube.com channel:  
"News from Grace-Calvary"



Click "Play" to be directed  
to the Grace-Calvary  
channel.

A selection of Rev. Michelle's sermons may be read  
on our website by clicking [HERE](#).



## Lectionary Readings for Oct. 26:

[Sirach 35:12-17](#)

[Psalms 84:1-6](#)

[2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18](#)

[Luke 18:9-14](#)

## Serving in Worship on Oct. 26:

**Altar Guild:** Barrie Aycock

**Bread Guild:** Laura Meier

**Flower Guild:** Alice Ariail

**VPOD:** Tim Williams

## 8:00am Service

**Lector:** Susie Medina

**Chalice Bearer/Crucifer:** Lane Meier

## 10:00am Service

**1st Lector:** John Carter Kahle

**2nd Lector:** Grace Watson

**Chalice Bearer:** Toby Ballard, Mary Scribner

**Crucifer:** Mary Scribner

**Acolytes:** Prynn Reason Dockery, Zayleigh Jackson

**Ushers:** River Forbes Berg, James Jackson, Ty Watson

**Cameraman:** Samuel Mann

# Sign-up to Serve in Worship!

You may sign-up online by clicking on a month below. If you prefer not to use SignUp.com, please call or email the parish office.

We now have sign-ups for Acolytes (Torch Bearers)  
AND Volunteer Nursery Workers.

**Nov. & Dec. 2025**

## The Week Ahead

**October 22:** 6:00pm, Midweek Manna w/ Mother Michelle

**October 23:**

5:30-7:00pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal -PO

**October 25:** 12-5:00pm, member use of SJH

**October 26:**

9:00am, The Chosen Class -PO

10:00am, Holy Eucharist

11:15am, Adult Forum -SJH

11:15am, Children & Youth Christian Formation -SJH

12:15pm, Stewardship Listening Session Lunch -SJH

5:30-8:00pm, AA upstairs, SJH

**October 28:**

9:00am-3:00pm, Housing & Homeless Task Force -SJH

4:30pm, community use -SJH

6:00-7:00pm, Choir rehearsal -Choir Loft

6:30pm, Foothills Counseling Board Meeting - PO

[Click here for  
Full Calendar for October](#)

[Grace-Calvary Calendar of Events](#)

## Children & Youth Calendars

[Episcopal Youth Events Schedule](#)

## Piedmont University Presents **GODSPELL**

Community  
Event

Thursday – Saturday, November 6-8,  
at 7:30pm, and Sunday, November 9, at  
2:00pm in the Swanson Mainstage Theater.

You may purchase tickets [HERE](#).

# About Grace-Calvary

## Financial Update for September 2025

Below is a summary of financial results for September 2025. Expenses exceeded revenue in the amount of \$2,623 for the month, leaving us with a positive cash flow for the year of \$32,223. If you have any questions about these figures, or any of the church's finances, you may contact Kerry Edwards, [k.edwards@grace-calvary.org](mailto:k.edwards@grace-calvary.org).

|            | <u>Revenue</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Sept. 2025 | \$20,108       | \$22,731        | (\$2,623)         |
| 2025 YTD   | \$258,383      | \$226,160       | \$32,223          |

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Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, located in historic Clarkesville, GA, welcomes all to come worship and share in our community with Christ!

[www.grace-calvary.org](http://www.grace-calvary.org)

**Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church  
Clarkesville**

50 likes • 108 followers

Grace-Calvary is open to all people for communion with God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and each other.



### ***Mission Statement:***

Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church is open to all people for communion with God and each other in Christ. Within and beyond this historic Church we strive to do God's work; nurturing our spirits, reaching out to those in need, valuing and caring for the diversity of God's creation.



## Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday,

9:00am-2:00pm

Closed for lunch,

12-12:30pm

706-754-2451

## Priest-in-Charge:

The Reverend Michelle Fritch

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## Staff

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## Vestry

*Class of 2025:*

Rich Madrid, Kimberly Criser, Christine Ta

*Class of 2026:*

John Cantwell (Sr. Warden), Jaime Huffman,  
Tim Williams (Jr. Warden)

*Class of 2027:*

Ryan Franklin, Mary Fry, John McDaniel

## Committee Leadership

Christian Formation - Christine Ta

Parish Life - Nina Madrid

Worship - Sandy Robson and Tim Lytle

Buildings - Rich Madrid

Cemetery - Charlé Statler

Outreach - Kimberly Criser

Inreach - Tim Williams

Stewardship - Jaime Huffman

Communications - Terri Todd

Newcomers - Colleen Williams

## If you have an emergency, please contact:

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